

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 15 as follows, all without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for transferring a continuously advancing ~~paper~~ tissue web from a dryer to a reel section comprising:

a first fabric defining a first moving conveyor with a bottom surface, the first fabric being positioned downstream from the dryer, the dryer moving at a first speed;

a second fabric defining a second moving conveyor with a top surface, the first moving conveyor overlapping the second moving conveyor for a predetermined distance, the first and second moving conveyors being configured to receive ~~the paper~~ a creped tissue web between the conveyors, the tissue web when creped moving at a second speed slower than the first speed of the dryer; and

a vacuum device rotatably disposed against the first moving conveyor, the dryer and the vacuum device disposed relative to each other to form an open draw therebetween, the first and second conveyors moving at a third speed faster than the second speed of the creped web and slower than the first speed of the dryer such that the open draw is negative, the vacuum device configured to produce a suction to ~~attract~~ pull the creped tissue web to the bottom surface of the first fabric across the open draw for transferring the advancing tissue web into the predetermined distance where the first and second conveyors overlap, the tissue web accelerating to between the second and third speeds when tensioned between the conveyors.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the open draw defines a distance of between 4 inches to about 48 inches.

3. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the open draw defines a distance of between 10 inches to about 30 inches.
4. (Original) The system of Claim 1, further comprising holding means for holding the web against the second moving conveyor.
5. (Original) The system of Claim 4, wherein the holding means for holding the web is a vacuum box.
6. (Original) The system of Claim 5, wherein the vacuum box is configured to produce a vacuum pressure of between 0.1 inches of water to about 3.0 inches of water.
7. (Original) The system of Claim 4, wherein the holding means for holding the web is a blow box.
8. (Original) The system of Claim 4, wherein the holding means for holding the web is a static induction device.
9. (Original) The system of Claim 1, further comprising a creping station, the creping station configured to separate and deflect the web from the dryer to the first fabric.
10. (Withdrawn) A system for transferring an advancing web from a dryer to a reel section comprising:
 - a first felt conveyor configured to receive the web from the dryer at a pick-up point on the first felt conveyor;
 - a second felt conveyor overlapping the first felt conveyor at an overlap area disposed apart from the pick-up point, the first and second felt conveyors being configured to receive the web between the conveyors proximate the overlap area; and

a lead-in roll rotatably disposed against the first felt conveyor a predetermined distance from the dryer such that a draw is formed between the dryer and the lead-in roll, the lead-in roll cooperative with the first felt conveyor such that the advancing web is transferred from the dryer in a direction toward the overlap area.

11. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 10, where in the lead-in roll has at least one groove.

12. (Withdrawn) The system as in Claim 10, further comprising a lead-in vacuum box disposed adjacent the lead-in roll, the lead-in roll disposed substantially between the dryer and the lead-in vacuum box, the lead-in vacuum box configured to suctionally attract the web to the first felt conveyor as the first felt conveyor passes over the lead-in roll.

13. (Withdrawn) The system as in Claim 10, further comprising an air scoop disposed substantially between the dryer and the lead-in roll, the air scoop configured to deflect an air mass from the dryer in a direction substantially toward the first felt conveyor.

14. (Withdrawn) The system as in Claim 10, further comprising a second vacuum box disposed adjacent the second felt conveyor proximate a reel in a direction away from the lead-in roll, the reel rotatably disposed against the second felt conveyor, the reel and the second felt conveyor cooperating to advance the web to a reel spool for winding the web.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for transporting an advancing paper tissue web comprising:

a pick-up fabric conveyor defining a bottom surface, the bottom surface configured to receive and transport the tissue web across an open draw between a dryer and the pick-up fabric conveyor, the dryer moving at a first speed faster than the pick-up fabric conveyor moving at a second speed such that the open draw is negative;

a delivery conveyor defining a top surface disposed in partial moving engagement with the bottom surface of the pick-up fabric conveyor along a length of each of the delivery and pick-up fabric conveyors, the delivery and pick-up fabric conveyors being configured to receive the tissue web between the conveyors; and

transferring means for transferring the tissue web from the draw to the bottom surface of the pick-up fabric conveyor, the transferring means disposed against the pick-up fabric conveyor and at least partially between the dryer and the delivery conveyor, the transferring means cooperative with the bottom surface of the pick-up fabric conveyor for transferring the advancing tissue web from the pick-up fabric conveyor to between the conveyors in the direction of a reel assembly.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for transporting a web from a dryer to a reel section comprising the steps of:

continuously advancing the web from the dryer to a first fabric belt, the first fabric belt arranged to run across pick-up means disposed proximate the dryer for picking up the web;

receiving the web on the first fabric belt by the pick-up means;

advancing the web on the first fabric belt in a direction of a downstream reel spool;

guiding the web between the first fabric belt and a second fabric belt;
threading a continuously advancing leading end portion of the web from the
second fabric belt onto the reel spool adjacent a reel drum; and
continuously winding the threaded web into a parent roll on the reel spool.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of
continuously creping the web as the web advances from the dryer to the first fabric belt.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, wherein the web is a tissue product
having a basis weight of between about 2 grams per square meter (gsm) to about 65 gsm.

19. (Withdrawn) A system for transferring a continuously advancing tissue web
from a dryer to a reel section comprising:

a first permeable conveyor positioned downstream from the dryer, the first
permeable conveyor configured to continuously move the web;

a second permeable conveyor configured to continuously move the web, the first
permeable conveyor overlapping the second permeable conveyor for a predetermined
distance, the first and second permeable conveyors being configured to receive the tissue
web between the conveyors; and

a web attraction device disposed proximate the first permeable conveyor and
further disposed relative to the dryer to form an open draw therebetween, the web
attraction device configured to attract the web to the first permeable conveyor for
transferring the advancing web into the predetermined distance where the first and second
permeable conveyors overlap.

20. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 19, further comprising means for coating
the web.

21. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 20, wherein the means for coating is at least one of the first and second permeable conveyors, the at least one of the first and second permeable conveyors configured to add a topical agent to the web.

22. (Withdrawn) A system for transferring and reeling a continuously advancing tissue web from a dryer to a reel section comprising a conveyor positioned downstream from the dryer such that an open draw is formed between the conveyor and the dryer, the conveyor configured to continuously receive the web across the draw and continuously advance the web along a bottom side of the conveyor in a direction of a reel drum located within a conveyor loop.

23. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, further comprising a pick-up device disposed proximate the draw and the conveyor, the pick-up device configured to attract the web to the conveyor for transferring the advancing web to the reel section.